CONSECRATED THINKING.

2 Cor.10:5 "Casting down reasonings and every presumption exalted against the knowledge of God and bringing every thot into captivity to the obedience of Christ."

INTRO:- The occasion of this statement by Paul.

1. Trouble in the Church at Corinth.
   Judaists at work impugning the authority of Paul.
   A minority under their influence stirring up a rebellion. "sinful impulses of unrenewed human nature"
2. Paul accused of carrying on his work after the flesh.
2. Paul, tho under such promptings to anger, entreats them by the meekness and gentleness of Christ, keeping his entire nature under perfect control in obedience to Christ.

I. The uncontrolled state of the ~~natural~~ mind.

1. Definition of MIND.

a/ The intellectual or rational faculty in man; the understanding; the intellect; the power that conceives, judges, or reasons.

b/ that which perceives, thinks, feels, wills, and desires; the entire psychical nature.

2. The average mind like a menagerie of wild animals, each persuing the bent of its own nature.

Within us are the goose, the peacock, the hyena, the tiger, the ape, the ass, the goat, the hog, the serpent; and all the rest of the pack.

3. Some things that keep us from a knowledge of God.

a/ Prejudice. Paul's. Hoag's.
(judgment without examination; a premature opinion)

b/ Jumping at conclusions. Mr. Justice Gould at Jack Paul. Church and Science.
We hate to say, "I do not know."

c/ Confusion of ideas and terms.
Prof. James and the man going around the squirrel.

d/ Satiscaftion with one's own experience and knowledge.
'1.' causes a universal application of a local experie
'2' causes ue to ignore the knowlegde and experience of others.

The mind under control

II. Mental Control.

A. How secured. By believing that the mind can be controlled.

1. By distinguishing the "I Am" from the mind.
"I am, therefore I think."

2. By the cultivation of ATTENTION.
voluntary and sustained concentration.

3. By cultivating the power of perception.
An educated sense of awareness. A sixth sense.
a developed power of observation.

B. How developed and perfected.

1. By systematic thinking.

a/ "Everyihing must be done decently and in order."

b/ The scientist's method of procedure.

Subsidiary / Organic / Ignorance

1. He gathers all the facts in the case.
2. He classifies them.
3. He seeks to determine all the laws governing all the facts in the case. special known
4. He coordinates these laws with all other Law.

2. By constantly exercising the mind.
The mastery of the mind, like the mastery of some musical instrument or other thing or faculty, can only be acquired by keeping everlastingly at it.

the Potter treating the mass of clay with his mallet
Builder of pride / self-will, ignorance.

III. Consecrated thinking.

1. Definition. A perfectly controlled mind devoted to the carrying out the will of Christ.

2. How realized.

a/ overpowering all reasoning and presumption directed against the knowledge of God.

b/ subjecting all thots to the obedience of Christ.

1. Looking at things squarely. v. 7. Phil. 4:8
"Whatsoever things are true.etc." honorable, just, pure lovely, of good report / if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things

2. Adopting the mind of Christ.
a/ At one with God.
b/ Governed by God's love and sympathy, and merciful justice.
c/ Doing the will of God.

Linking ourselves with the power Ultimate / Light / Life - we can accomplish all things.

The pinbeam brought